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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/526,908	Applicant(s) HOLM, KURT	
	Examiner Courtney Thomas	Art Unit 2882	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are allowed.
6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 March 2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. Figures 1-5 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1 and 12-14 are objected to because of the following informalities:
3. Claim 1, line 1 recites: "High voltage vacuum tube ..." Examiner suggests the phrase be re-written as "A high voltage vacuum tube ..."
4. Claim 1, line 5 recites: "...the annular insulator comprising ..." Examiner suggests the phrase be re-written as "...the annular insulator ~~comprising~~ having (or including)..."
5. Claim 1, line 13 recites: "the disc center." Examiner notes there is no antecedent basis for the use of this term.
6. Claim 1, line 16 recites: "the axial direction." Examiner notes there is no antecedent basis for the use of this term.
7. Claim 1, line 18 recites: "the perpendicular direction." Examiner notes there is no antecedent basis for the use of this term.

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8. Claim 12, line 1 recites: "Method of producing a high voltage vacuum tube..." Examiner suggests the phrase be re-written as "A method of producing a high voltage vacuum tube ..."

9. Claim 13, line 1 recites: "Baggage x-raying device ..." Examiner suggests the phrase be re-written as "A baggage x-raying device..."

10. Claim 14, line 1 recites: "X-raying device ..." Examiner suggests the phrase be re-written as "An x-raying device..."

11. The claims have not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the claims.

12. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

13. Claims 1-14 are allowed.

14. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

15. **As per claim 1 and dependent claims 2-14**, the examiner found no reference in the prior art that disclosed or made obvious a high voltage vacuum tube having an annular insulator, wherein, the angle γ between an axial direction of the annular insulator and the shortened lateral area is between 10 and 25 degrees; wherein the angle β of the front area to a perpendicular to the axial direction of the annular insulator is between 10 and 25 degrees, and wherein the angle α between the raised lateral area to the axial direction of the annular insulator is between 10 and 25 degrees as recited in independent claim 1.

Conclusion

16. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: **U.S. Patent 6,901,136 to Tekletsadik et al.** discloses a high voltage vacuum tube comprising an annular insulator (106, 106'), but fails to disclose or make obvious the structural limitations as required in instant application 10/526,908.

17. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:
as noted above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney Thomas whose telephone number is (571) 272-2496. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (9 am - 5 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on (571) 272 2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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